

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of converting a gaming machine from a first game to a second game, the method comprising:

removing a plurality of first outer display elements of a top box associated with the first game, the first outer display elements supported on a standardized substructure of the top box; and

installing a plurality of second outer display elements on the substructure of the top box in place of the plurality of first outer display elements, the second outer display elements being associated with the second game, at least a portion of the second outer display elements having a different shape than the first outer display elements,

wherein the substructure is substantially concealed from a player's view during normal operation of the gaming machine by the outer display elements, the first outer display elements and the second outer display elements comprising ~~external~~ decorative shell elements of the top box, the first outer display elements and the second outer display elements substantially enclosing the front and sides of the top box.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first display elements are mounted to the substructure, wherein the removing step disconnects the first display elements from the substructure, and wherein the installing step mounts the second display elements to the substructure.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first display elements and the second display elements are further selected from a group consisting of sculptures, video displays, and mechanical displays.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first display elements include a first side facing artwork panel adapted to be backlit from within the top box, and wherein the second display elements include a second side facing artwork panel adapted to be backlit from within the top box.

5. (Currently Amended) A group of components for converting a top box display on a gaming machine from a first game to a second game, the group of components comprising:

one or more second exterior display elements associated with the second game, the one or more second exterior display elements adapted to mount to a standardized substructure of the top box display in place of one or more first exterior display elements associated with the first game after the one or more first exterior display elements are removed from the substructure,

wherein at least a portion of the second exterior display elements have a different shape than the first exterior display elements, the first exterior display elements and the second exterior display elements comprising ~~external~~ decorative shell elements, at least a portion of the first exterior display elements and the second exterior display elements include a side panel for the top box display.

6. (Previously Presented) The group of components of claim 5, wherein the substructure includes a cable chase defining a space for accommodating power and data cables.

7. (Previously Presented) The group of components of claim 6, wherein the cable chase is adapted to support power supplies and controller boards.

8. (Previously Presented) The group of components of claim 6, wherein the cable chase includes a plurality of connector holes for mounting standardized cable connectors.

9. (Previously Presented) The group of components of claim 5, wherein a portion of the one or more first display elements and the one or more second display elements are further selected from a group consisting of sculptures, video displays, and mechanical displays.

10. (Previously Presented) The group of components of claim 5, wherein the side panel includes a side facing artwork panel adapted to be backlit from within the top box display.

11. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine convertible from play of a first game to play of a second game, the machine comprising:

a top box display having a standardized internal substructure, the substructure being substantially concealed from a player's view during normal operation of the gaming machine by outer display elements, the substructure ~~supporting~~ configured to support one or more first outer display elements associated with the first game when the machine is operable to play the first game, the substructure ~~supporting~~ further configured to support one or more second outer display elements associated with the second game when the machine is operable to play the second game, the one or more second outer display elements adapted to mount to the substructure in place of the one or more first outer display elements after the one or more first display elements are removed from the substructure,

wherein at least a portion of the second outer display elements have a different shape than the first outer display elements, the first outer display elements and the second outer display elements comprising ~~external~~ decorative shell elements for the top box, at least a portion of the first outer display elements and the second outer display elements including a side panel for the top box display.

12. (Original) The machine of claim 11, wherein the substructure includes a cable chase defining a space for accommodating power and data cables.

13. (Original) The machine of claim 12, wherein the cable chase is adapted to support power supplies and controller boards.

14. (Original) The machine of claim 12, wherein the cable chase includes a plurality of connector holes for mounting standardized cable connectors.

15. (Currently Amended) The machine of claim 11, wherein the one or more first outer display elements and the one or more second outer display elements are selected from a group consisting of sculptures, video displays, and mechanical displays.

16. (Previously Presented) The machine of claim 11, wherein the side panel includes a side facing artwork panel adapted to be backlit from within the top box display.

17. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine convertible from play of a first game to play of a second game, the machine comprising;

a top box display having a standardized internal substructure, the substructure being substantially concealed from a player's view during normal operation of the gaming machine by one or more exterior display elements, the substructure ~~adapted~~ configured to support the different sets of one or more exterior display elements depending upon which of the first and second games that the machine is operable to play,

wherein at least a portion of the exterior display elements between the first and second games have different shapes, the exterior display elements comprising ~~external~~ decorative shell elements for the top box, at least a portion of the exterior display elements including side panels for the top box.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the standardized substructure is situated toward the back of the top box.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine of claim 17, wherein at least a portion of the standardized substructure is situated toward the back of the top box.

20. (New) The machine of claim 12, wherein the cable chase is vertically oriented within the substructure.